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**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a utility patent is sought on the invention entitled:

PROPHYLACTIC AND THERAPEUTIC HIV APTAMERS

the specification of which was filed on September 16, 2003, given United States Serial No. 10/664,610 and bearing Attorney Docket No. 23239-538 (ARC-38).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

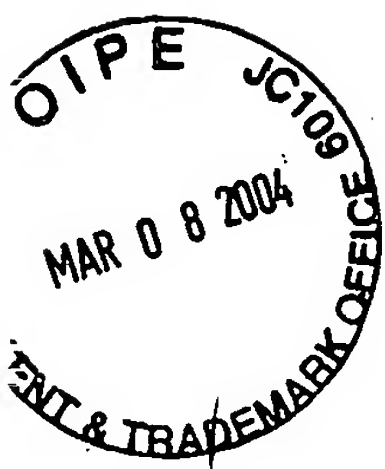
I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) or §120 of any United States application(s), or §365(c) of any PCT International application(s) designating the United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

Application No. <i>(U.S.S.N.)</i>	Filing Date <i>(mm/dd/yyyy)</i>	Status <i>(Patented, Pending, Abandoned)</i>
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